

Honouring a National Hero

WHILE THE INDEPENDENT STATES of the Commonwealth Caribbean were signing an historic treaty on Norman Manley's birthday, he was being remembered in another way at the community centre which he helped build in the little township of Llandewey, nestled in the St. Thomas foothills.

The occasion was a Founder's Day Fair put on by the Llandewey Community Council to honour the memory of the late National Hero, who pioneered the social welfare movement in Jamaica, when he founded Jamaica Welfare Limited in 1938.

Stemming from Mr. Manley's efforts, the first three community centres in the island were built between 1937 and 1940 in Guy's Hill, Porus and Llandewey. In April this year, the Llandewey Council decided to honour their founder with a fair at the centre, and the photographs on these pages capture some moments of the occasion.

Mrs. Edna Manley responded to the Council's invitation, and went to unveil a portrait of her late husband, specially done by Mr. Ken Wynter, who works at the Carreras' tobacco farm in Llandewey. And Mrs. Manley had some words of praise for Mr. Wynter. "Speaking as an artist", she said, "I think it is a beautiful work of art".

There were also other items: a cricket match played between neighbours Yallahs and Llandewey, which Llandewey won by 80 runs; the honouring of veteran community workers from Guy's Hill and Llandewey; an exhibition of needlework and carvings; a dance by students of the Bethesda Primary School, Llandewey; addresses by leaders of community bodies.

Representatives were also present from the Guy's Hill Council, the first in the island.

Mrs. Nancy Williamson (known to everyone as "Miss Nancy") is the district officer, Cedar Valley District, for the Social Development Commission, and was largely instrumental in putting the fair together. She hopes the fair was successful enough to make it a regular event.



Mrs. Manley hugs Miss Hearne, J. P., who presented her with a jar of cookies on behalf of the citizens of Llandewey.

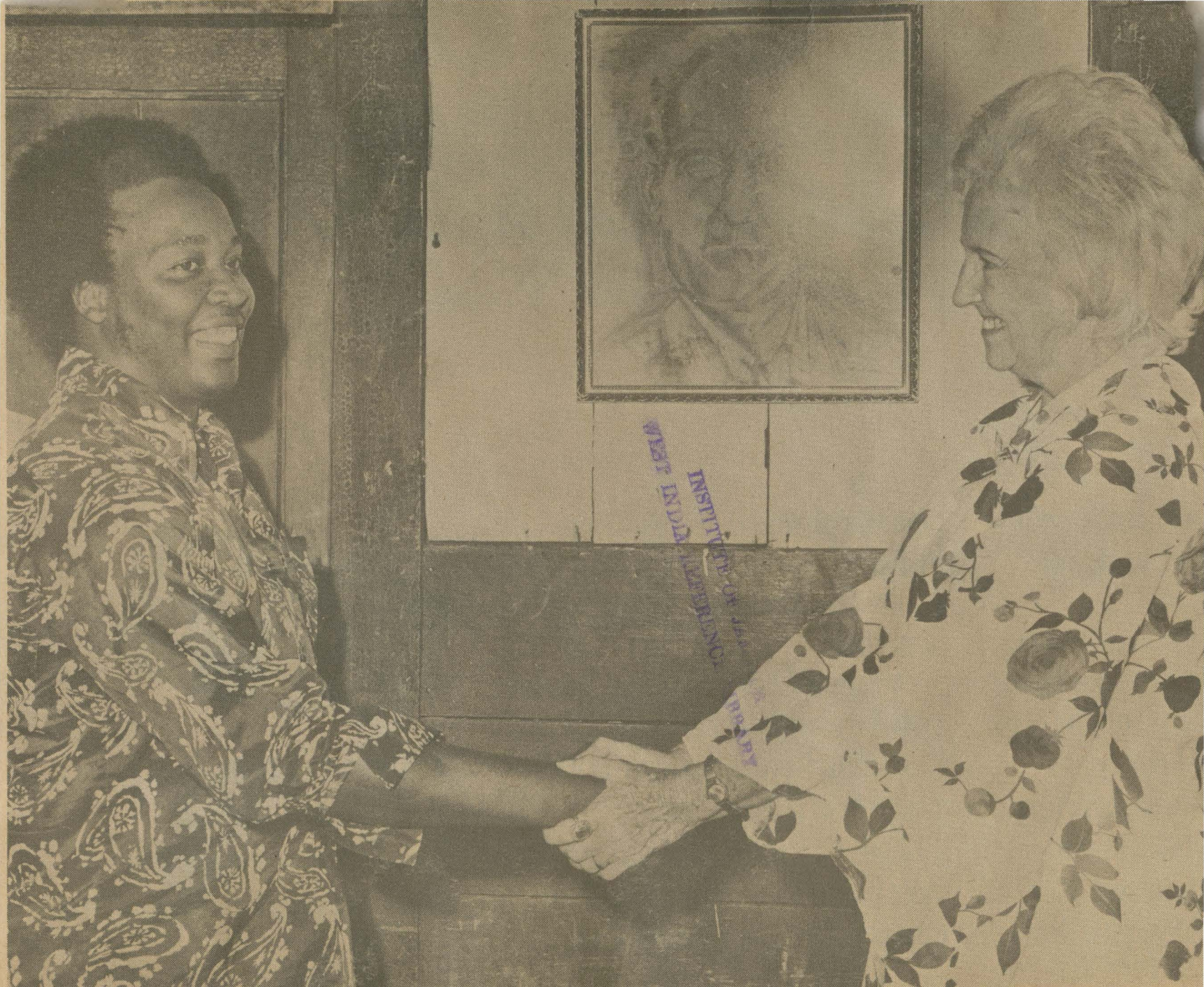


Mrs. Manley replying to tributes paid to her late husband.

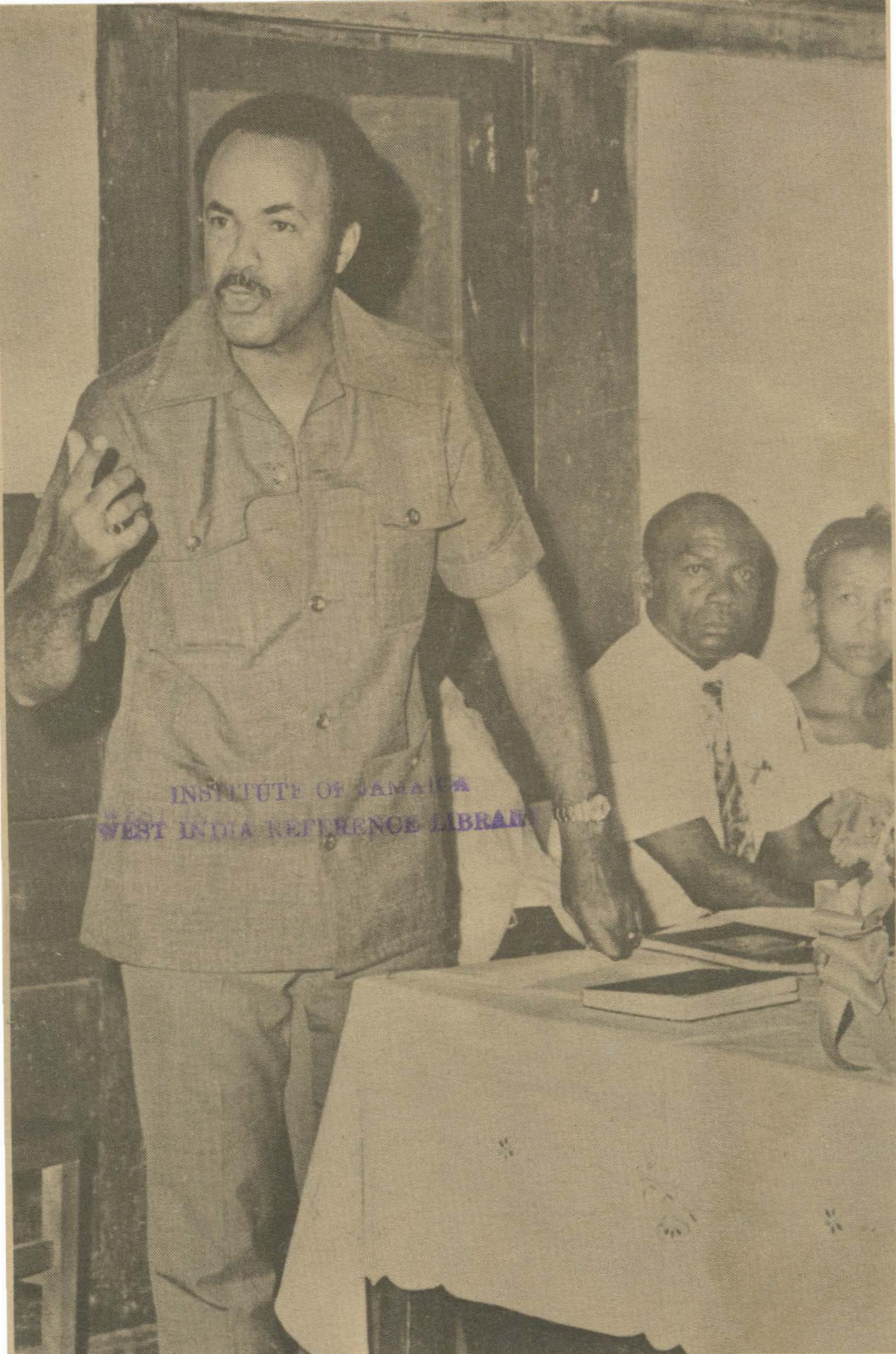
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A dance by students of the Bethesda Primary School.



Mrs. Manley thanks artist Ken Wynter, who beams proudly. His handiwork is framed in the background.



Dr. D. Cawley, Programme administrator of the Social Development Commission, speaking at the Founder's Day Fair.